

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (cancelled)

Claim 2 (withdrawn): A hydrocolloid composition comprising an ethylene propylene diene monomer polymer and a polyisobutylene.

Claim 3 (withdrawn): A hydrocolloid composition comprising an ethylene propylene diene monomer polymer, a polyisobutylene and an ethylene propylene elastomer.

Claim 4 (cancelled)

Claim 5 (withdrawn): The hydrocolloid composition of claim 2 wherein the ethylene propylene diene monomer includes about 25 to 75% ethylene and about 75 to 25% propylene.

Claim 6 (withdrawn): A hydrocolloid composition comprising about 5 to about 70% ethylene propylene diene monomer and about 95% to about 0% polyisobutylene.

Claim 7 (withdrawn): A hydrocolloid composition of claim 2 where in the polyisobutylene has a molecular weight of about 36,000 to about 100,000.

Claim 8 (withdrawn): A hydrocolloid composition of claim 2 where in the polyisobutylene has a molecular weight of about 45,000 to about 60,000.

Claim 9 (cancelled)

Claim 10 (withdrawn): The hydrocolloid composition of claim 2 further comprising hydrophilic particles.

Claim 11 (cancelled)

Claim 12 (cancelled)

Claim 13 (withdrawn): The hydrocolloid composition of claim 2 further comprising therapeutic agents.

Claim 14 (cancelled)

Claim 15 (cancelled)

Claim 16 (currently amended): A hydrocolloid composition of claim 15, comprising an ethylene propylene diene monomer polymer including about 25% to 75% ethylene and about 75% to 25% propylene; wherein the stabilizer is butyl rubber.

Claim 17 (cancelled)

Claim 18 (withdrawn): A hydrocolloid composition comprising about 5% to about 40% EDPM, about 10% to about 80% PIB, up to about 35% plasticizer, up to about 35% tackifier, and up to about 40% hydrophilic particles.

Claim 19 (withdrawn): A hydrocolloid composition comprising an ethylene propylene diene monomer polymer, a polyisobutylene and a styrenic block copolymer.

Claim 20 (withdrawn): The hydrocolloid composition of claim 19 wherein said styrenic block copolymer comprises up to about 35% of the hydrocolloid composition.

Claim 21 (withdrawn): The hydrocolloid composition of claim 19 further comprising additives.

Claim 22 (withdrawn): The hydrocolloid composition of claim 21 wherein the additives are selected from the group consisting of tackifiers, stabilizers, hydrophilic particles and plasticizers.

Claim 23 (withdrawn): A dressing comprising:

 a hydrocolloid composition comprising an ethylene propylene diene monomer polymer; and a substrate with the hydrocolloid composition disposed thereon.

Claim 24 (withdrawn): The dressing of claim 23 wherein said hydrocolloid composition further comprises polyisobutylene.

Claim 25 (withdrawn): The dressing of claim 24 wherein the hydrocolloid composition further comprises styrene block copolymer.

Claim 26 (withdrawn): The dressing of claim 25 further comprising additives.

Claim 27 (withdrawn): The dressing of claim 26 wherein the additives are selected from the group consisting of tackifiers, stabilizers, hydrophilic particles, therapeutic agents and plasticizers.

Claim 28 (withdrawn): The dressing of claim 23 wherein the dressing is in the form of a wound dressing, ostomy dressing, bandage or blister patch.

Claim 29 (withdrawn): A hydrocolloid composition comprising an ethylene propylene diene monomer polymer and styrenic block copolymer.

Claim 30 (withdrawn): The hydrocolloid composition of claim 29 further comprising additives.

Claim 31 (withdrawn): The hydrocolloid composition of claim 30 wherein said additives are selected from the group consisting of tackifiers, stabilizers, hydrophilic particles, therapeutic agents and plasticizers.

Claim 32 (currently amended): A hydrocolloid composition of claim 1, comprising an ethylene propylene diene monomer polymer including about 25% to 75% ethylene and about 75% to 25% propylene, further comprising a polyisobutylene.

Claim 33 (currently amended): A hydrocolloid composition of claim 1-32, further comprising a polyisobutylene and an ethylene propylene elastomer.

Claim 34 (previously presented): The hydrocolloid composition of claim 32 further comprising hydrophilic particles.

Claim 35 (previously presented): The hydrocolloid composition of claim 32 further comprising therapeutic agents.

Claim 36 (previously presented): A hydrocolloid composition of claim 32 further comprising a styrenic block copolymer.

Claim 37 (previously presented): The hydrocolloid composition of claim 36 wherein said styrenic block copolymer comprises up to about 35% of the hydrocolloid composition.

Claim 38 (previously presented): The hydrocolloid composition of claim 36 further comprising additives.